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THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPHS SHOULD HOLD ITS SESSIONS IN THE STATE HOUSE.

Healthfulness is induced by pure atmosphere.
This equally applies to bodily health and to Legisla-
tive health.

Without the surroundings of pure atmosphere legisla-
tion is in danger of becoming foul—diseased.

In that condition public welfare is menaced—the good
expected is evil given.

These thoughts are suggested by considering the loca-
tion of the committee room of the House Committee on
Railroads and Telegraphs, which is outside the Capitol,
some distance away, and remote from any good influence
that contact with Legislative halls might entail.

Owing to the railway conditions prevailing in this
State, this is the most important committee of the House.

More legislation pertaining to the real benefit of the
people will pass through the hands of this committee
than of any other.

Yet if no more railway legislation is enacted at this
session than at the last session the committee, despite
its importance, will have been worth nothing to the
people it was supposed to have represented.

Some of the same railway legislation is pending at this
session as during the last, because nothing was done with
it last session.

The committee room is located this year in the same
place in which the committee was quartered last year.

Mr. Dorman, the chairman of the last session, is the
chairman now, and his past conduct in such position has
shown that he is not the proper person for it.

Last session when committee meetings were held and
the chairman absent, a telephone message to the Leon
Hotel would find him there in consultation with Peter
Knight, who openly and frankly declares that he repre-
sents railroad and other public utility corporations.

Mr. Dorman's careless way of carrying bills about in
his pockets, when they should have been in the committee
room, was a handicap to the committee.

When an important measure was due for consideration,
both chairman and bill would be missing. Inquiry of
him would bring the answer: "Oh, he's with Peter
Knight."

On one occasion the author of an important bill, that
was on second reading, was absent. During his absence
Mr. Dorman, as chairman, recommitted the bill without
his consent, and the author of the bill never was able to
get it back on the calendar before the session ended.

I do not charge Mr. Dorman with wrong-doing, but
with carelessness. His methods of conducting the chair-
manship are slovenly and dilatory, due to his careless
habits and his irregularity in attending committee
meetings.

The Speaker, Mr. Matthews, was a member of the
House last session, surely he must have known of Mr.
Dorman's ways, yet he appointed him chairman of this
committee.

The Speaker, having done so, however, with knowledge
of the past, should caution Mr. Dorman about his care-
less methods and urge better performance than two years
ago.

The legislation pending is for the purpose of strength-
ening the Railroad Commission at a time when it needs
all the power it can get.

The State demands it.

Therefore do not let the inactivity of last year be re-
peated.

Let the atmosphere of the State House be felt instead
of that exerted from a room in the Leon Hotel.

PROTECTION THAT PROTECTS.

Governor Broward has done me the courtesy to permit
me to announce that he will transmit to the Legislature
at its session Monday, a special message on State Life
Insurance.

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this.

I do not know what the special insurance message
will contain, but as I know what the Governor said about
State Life Insurance in his regular message to the Legis-
lature of 1905, I am sure that the special message to be
transmitted Monday will contain strong, earnest and
forceful words, urging the passage of the necessary law
to put State Life Insurance in operation.

I know also that the Governor is persistent when he
believes he is right; I know that he is tireless in his pur-
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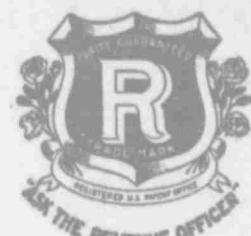
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